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DON'T GO THERE!

CLARKS BRIDGE ROAD/SR 284 BRIDGE IS CLOSED NOW

Gainesville, Ga. – Don't go there! Georgia DOT announces SR 284/Clarks Bridge Road Bridge over Lake Lanier is closed at 8:15am today for a maximum of 10 days beginning Monday, June 15. Crews will finish building the new roadway tying it into the new bridge and shift traffic onto the new bridge. Signs announcing the detour are in place along the roadway.

No through traffic will be allowed to use the bridge on State Route 284/Clarks Bridge Road over Lake Lanier at Olympic Venue in Gainesville June 15 - June 25, 2015.

To access the parking and boat ramps, vehicles must come SR 284 southbound or from Clermont.

No access will be available to the parking area or boat ramps from SR 284 northbound from Gainesville.

WHAT: SR 284 will be closed to traffic as the roadway up to the new bridge is finished. As SR 284 open for use, traffic will use the new bridge over Lake Lanier.

WHEN: Now, around the clock for a maximum of 10 days, opening by June 25 if weather permits.

WHERE: Northbound SR 284 (from Gainesville) will be completely closed to all traffic before the bridge over Lake Lanier. Southbound SR 284 (from Clermont) can access parking and the Olympic Venue driveways but not cross the bridge. No traffic can use the bridge during the closure.

SIGNED DETOUR ROUTE: SR 284 to SR 11/US 129 to SR 52 to SR 284

This \$8.7 million construction project was awarded to E. R. Snell Contractor Inc., of Snellville, Georgia. The project will build a new bridge for SR 284 over the Chattahoochee River portion of Lake Lanier at the Lake Lanier Olympic Center. The new bridge will have 12 feet wide lanes and an 8 feet wide bike-able shoulder in each direction. The project also builds a new pedestrian tunnel under SR 284. The project completion date is December 31, 2015.

The existing bridge was built in 1958 and does not meet current design standards.

DriveAlert ArriveAlive calls attention to an alarming increase in roadway fatalities across Georgia, many resulting from preventable crashes and distracted driving. **DriveAlert ArriveAlive** implores motorists to buckle up; stay off the phone and no texting; and drive alert. Visit www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA. #ArriveAliveGA For more information about Georgia DOT, visit www.dot.ga.gov or on **Facebook** (<https://www.facebook.com/GDOTNE>) and **Twitter** (<https://twitter.com/GDOTNE>).

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